AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS, COMPLETE LISTING OF CLAIMS IN ASCENDING ORDER WITH STATUS INDICATOR

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Please amend the following claims as indicated.

Claims 1-7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) A cleaning system comprising a hair removing apparatus and a cleaning device,

said apparatus having a height and an operator head at its top end, said apparatus incorporating an externally controllable electric circuit for driving said operator head and/or charging said apparatus in accordance with an external electric signal, said cleaning device comprising:

a housing configured to hold said apparatus in an inverted manner;

- a basin formed in said housing for accommodating therein said operator head;
- a tank provided on the housing to contain a volume of a cleaning liquid,
- a supplying means for supplying the cleaning fluid from said tank to said basin for cleaning the operator head;
- a controller for activating said supplying means as well as for providing said electric signal,
- said housing being formed with a signal transmitting means for transmitting said electric signal,

said hair removing apparatus having a signal receiving means which comes into electrical interconnection with said signal transmitting means for giving said electric signal to said electric circuit when said apparatus is held by said housing;

wherein said signal transmitting means is disposed at a portion of the housing upwardly of said basin, and said signal receiving means is disposed intermediate the height of said apparatus,

said housing is provided with holding means which holds the apparatus in a position where said signal transmission means is kept in electrical interconnection with said signal receiving means.

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said holding means includes a mechanism that gives a bias for urging said signal transmitting means towards said signal receiving means, and

said housing has a bearing surface for bearing said apparatus, said bearing surface being inclined with respect to a height axis of said housing and being provided with a stopper for engagement with a portion of the apparatus such that the apparatus is guided along the inclined bearing surface and develops the bias force by its own weight when it is engaged with the stopper.

9. (New) A cleaning system comprising a hair removing apparatus and a cleaning device,

said apparatus having a height and an operator head at its top end, said apparatus incorporating an externally controllable electric circuit for driving said operator head and/or charging said apparatus in accordance with an external electric signal, said cleaning device comprising:

- a housing configured to hold said apparatus in an inverted manner;
- a basin formed in said housing for accommodating therein said operator head;
- a tank provided on the housing to contain a volume of a cleaning liquid,
- a supplying means for supplying the cleaning fluid from said tank to said basin for cleaning the operator head;
- a controller for activating said supplying means as well as for providing said electric signal,
- said housing being formed with a signal transmitting means for transmitting said electric signal,

said hair removing apparatus having a signal receiving means which comes into electrical interconnection with said signal transmitting means for giving said electric signal to said electric circuit when said apparatus is held by said housing;

means,

wherein said signal transmitting means is disposed at a portion of the housing upwardly of said basin, and said signal receiving means is disposed intermediate the height of said apparatus, said housing is provided with holding means which holds the apparatus in a position where said signal transmission means is kept in electrical interconnection with said signal receiving

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said holding means includes a mechanism that gives a bias for urging said signal transmitting means towards said signal receiving means, and

said housing has a bearing surface for bearing said apparatus, said bearing surface being inclined with respect to a height axis of said housing, and said housing being provided with a stopper for engagement with a portion of the apparatus such that the apparatus is guided along the inclined bearing surface and develops the bias force by its own weight when it is engaged with the stopper.